CANADIAN EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY.

TORONTO, November 8, 1879.

ELEVEN years ago there was formed in England an Evangelization Society. It had for its object the procuring and sending, when requested, qualified Evangelists to aid the Ministers of the locality in Mission Work. Its success has been very marked. The last Report shows that while in the year 1868-69 the number of meetings held under the auspices of the Society was 1,309, and the amount subscribed to defray expenses was £2,097 17s. 11d; in the year 1878-79 the figures had increased to 12,793 meetings, and £10,047 16s. 11d. of subscriptions. It is managed by a committee of thirteen.

Five years ago a similar Society was organized in Ireland and has been very successful. It is managed by a large general committee, with an executive committee of thirteen.

Some work of the kind has already been undertaken in this Dominion, and great blessing has been the result. It has been put into the hearts of many Christians in Canada to consider whether it would not be well to form, in this country, an organization with similar objects in view, in the hope that, with God's blessing, it may be made the means of reaching, to some extent, the multitudes who are still unsaved, and tend to the honour and glory of His great name.

At a meeting held to-day, for the purpose of organization, the following Resolutions were adopted :—

1. That the Society shall be under the management of a General Committee of not less than fifty laymen of the various branches of the Church of Christ, who shall from time to time fill vacancies, as they occur; with power to add to their number. Seven to form a quorum.

2. That from such Committee shall be appointed an Executive Committee of seven, to carry on the work of the Society, of whom three shall form a quorum.

3. That the object of this Society is not the formation of any new Sect or Church, but simply the salvation of souls and the addition of members to the existing Christian Churches, and fostering increased life in them all. Its Evangelists are intended to supplement, and not to supersede or interfere with the work of the Minister, who combines the office of pastor and teacher with that of Evangelist, and whose place it is, therefore, to undertake the care and direction of converts.

4. That in the selection of Evangelists, none shall be chosen but those who are in good standing in some branch of the Church of Christ, and who are able faithfully to proclaim the Gospel message. That diligent inquiry be made regarding their personal piety and suitability. Action to be taken by the Committee to ascertain before employing them—*(a)* their doctrinal views; *(b)* their cordial assent, as agents of our Society, to abstain from taking any part, either in public or private, in questions relating to denominational differences; *(c)* their willingness and hearty desire to co-operate with the ministers of each locality where they may be called to work.

5. Contributions to the funds of the Society shall be used as follows :—

(1). In payment of the current expenses of the Society.

(2). In payment of the travelling expenses and maintenance of the Evangelists, and other charges incident to mission services.

6. That the officers of the Society shall be, a Chairman of the Executive Committee, an Honorary Secretary, and a Treasurer.

7. That, to prevent confusion and ensure attention, all applications for evangelistic help shall be made to the Society, through the Honorary Secretary, and not to the Evangelists themselves.

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8. That whilst the Society makes no definite charge to any persons [illegible] of an Evangelist in any particular locality, it is expected that those to whom they are sent will not only arrange for the hiring of halls and attendant expenses, but also contribute something towards the general purposes of the Society, so that others, less able to do so, may not be deprived of like benefits from want of funds. It is strongly advised that ordinary collections should not be taken up at evangelistic meetings. The Evangelists should have nothing to do with money matters. All subscriptions, thank-offerings, and other moneys are to be sent direct to the Treasurer.

9. That the Committees shall meet, from time to time, as occasion may require, at the call of the Chairman or Honorary Secretary.

10. That the Committee shall prepare such other rules and regulations as may from time to time seem desirable.

11. A General Meeting of the Society shall be held in each year, at a time to be hereafter named.

As a considerable sum is needed for the purposes of the Society, those who esteem it the highest honour and privilege to be co-workers with the Lord Jesus Christ are invited to contribute.

It is suggested that those who can safely promise it, should undertake to pay an annual sum.

As the work is already being commenced, those desirous of assisting, will kindly remit at once to the Treasurer, W. B. McMurrich, Esq., 15 Toronto Street, Toronto. All other communications to be addressed to Henry O'Brien, Esq., Barrister, Toronto.

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